(c) the reasons for not achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Cancellation of Trains

1120. SHRI ABHAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unchahar Express has been cancelled recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce any other train in its place;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether some passenger coaches of the train have been attached to other trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Unchahar Express has been withdrawn temporarily to conserve diesel locomotives to cater to peak season goods traffic. This train will be restored during April, 1992.

(e) No, Sir.

Technical assistance to Zimbabwe

1121. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited (RITES) have signed any contract with the World Bank to provide technical assistance to Zimbabwe;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of experts and other personnel proposed to be sent to Zimbabwe by the Government under the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). RITES have signed a contract with the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) on December 17, 1991, to provide technical assistance to strengthen the maintenance and operations of the NRZ system for the calander year, 1992. The NRZ is being provided aid by the World Bank for the project. RITES envisages deputing 38 persons, including computer specialists, engineers, supervisors and technicians from India to undertake the work.

[*English*]

Production and Export of Sugar

1122. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to increase the production and export of sugar during the current year;

(b) the quantity of sugar produced and exported during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the details of incentives introduced to increase the production of sugar during the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) For increasing sugar production during the current 1991-92 season, Government has taken various measures

such as revision of Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane at Rs. 26.00 per quintal of cane linked to a basic recovery of 8.5%, advance announcement of Statutory Minimum Cane Price at Rs. 27.00 per quintal of cane for 1992-93 season, continuation of levy-freesale ratio at 45: 55 and grant of incentives in the form of additional free-sale for early crushing.

(b) The quantity of sugar produced and exported during the sugar seasons 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as follows:–

(Lakh tonnes)

Season	*Quantity produced*	*Quantity exported*
1990-91	120.47	2.07
1991-92	60.45	2.84
	(Upto 7.2.92)	(Upto 25.2.92)

(c) and (d). Government has announced incentives for early crushing under which sugar factories would be granted 72% free-sale on the sugar produced during the period 01.10.1991 to 15.11.1991.

Save Grain Campaign

1123. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a 'Save grain campaign' scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the scheme and the administrative body constituted by the Government in this regard;

(c) the year-wise expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government have worked out the estimates of the total quantity of foodgrains being spoiled without use from the production to consumers stage;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) the steps taken so far at various stages to check these losses and the percentage of success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objective of the scheme is to educate motivate and persuade the farmers to adopt scientific methods for the storage of foodgrains. The organisational set-up of the scheme comprises of 17 Save Grain Campaign teams which operate in different parts of the country under the administrative control of the Ministry of Food.

(c) The year-wise expenditure for the last three years is as under:–

(Figures in lakh rupees)

1988-89	130.36
1989-90	172.95
1990-91	188.44